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International Application No. WO 02/49728 A1 (SARABON et al.), published on June 27, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 4,945,658 A (PROVENCE), issued on August 7, 1990; and
French Patent Publication No. 2 565 117 A1 (SALOMON S.A.), published on
December 6, 1985, an English language abstract of which is attached.

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French Patent Publication No. 2 739 788 A1 (SALOMON S.A.), published on
April 18, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 6,017,050 A (GIRARD), issued on January 25, 2000, is a
family member of FR '788;

French Patent Publication No. 2 742 060 A1 (SALOMON S.A.), published on
June 13, 1997, for which an English language abstract is attached;

French Patent Publication No. 2 782 652 A1 (SALOMON S.A.), published on
March 3, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,499,761 B1 (QUELLAIS), issued on December 31, 2002, is
a family member of FR '652;

International Patent Publication No. WO 01/93963 A1 (HAUGLIN et al.),
published on December 13, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,986,526 B2 (HAUGLIN), issued on January 17, 2006, is a
family member of WO '963;

International Patent Publication No. WO 02/05907 A2 (GLADEK et al.),
published on January 24, 2002

International Patent Publication No. WO 02/087710 A1 (KOGLER), published
on November 7, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,957,827 B2 (KOGLEARN), issued on October 25, 2005, is a
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European Patent Publication No. 0 878 218 A2 (ROTTEFELLA A/S),
published on November 18, 1998.

Finally, the following two documents are brought to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 4,842,293 A (ROCHARD), issued on June 27, 1989; and

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